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Tenafly Eruv Association, Inc. v. The Borough of Tenafly,

No. 01-3301 -- Listed: Thursday, March 21, 2002

Dear Ms. Waldron:

Re:

This letter brief responds to the Court's request of March 8, 2002 for "comment on whether the District Court properly classified the lechis as symbolic speech under the First Amendment" with specific reference to "the likelihood of audience understanding prong."

Rather than burdening the Court with additional arguments to review on this issue, amicus curiae the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty respectfully submits that it agrees with the arguments advanced in the letter brief on behalf of Appellants Chaim Book, Yosifa Book, and Stephen Brenner that the lechis plainly qualify under precedents of the Supreme Court and lower federal courts as symbolic speech.

Very truly yours,

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